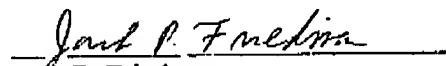


REMARKS

The amended claims result from an interview between the Examiner (James M. Mitchell) and Applicants representative (Jack P. Friedman) in which the Examiner agreed that said amendments places the claims in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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